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TAGS: AEMR, DM, US

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN BENIN

FROM AF

1. RECENT SHARP DETERIORATION IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BENIN RAISES SOME POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL OR PART OF COTONOU E AND E PLAN(SEE 72 COTONOU A-76 AND 74 COTONOU A-11). EXISTING CONDITIONS (E.G. CLOSURE OF BOTH BORDERS WITH TOGO AND NIGERIA ALONG COAST ROAD) RENDER INOPERATIVE SEVERAL OPTIONSIN E AND E PLAN.

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2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS REMAIN ALERT DURING FORTHCOMING WEEKEND TO POSSIBLE NEED TO CONSULT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT RE EVACUATION AND INSURE THAT OFFICERS WHO WOULD HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SUCH CONSULTATION REMAIN AVAILABLE.

3. THIS MESSAGE IS PRECAUTIONARY ONLY AND IS NOT RPT NOI BASED ON ANY SERIOUS INDICATION THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL DEGENERATE TO POINT REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION OF E AND E PLAN. KISSINGER

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